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SB 1003 matters to me because in 2022 Oregon dropped its residency requirement for assisted suicide. That means anyone in the U.S. can travel to Oregon to die by suicide. SB 1003 makes that process faster, easier, and less regulated. SB1003 would dangerously expand the state's so-called Death with Dignity Act. If passed, because of Oregon's removal of its residency requirement in 2022, this law would affect vulnerable patients nationwide and further normalize suicide as a "solution" to potential suffering.

SB 1003 expands assisted suicide in three alarming ways:

1. Broadens the Definition of Who Can Prescribe Lethal Drugs

? Replaces "attending physician" and "consulting physician" with "prescribing provider" and "consulting provider."

? While recent amendments attempt to make the terms nearly interchangeable, it opens the door to loosen safeguards undetected down the road.

2. Mandates Promotion of Assisted Suicide by Healthcare Facilities

? Hospices, hospitals, and other facilities would be required to disclose in writing the availability of assisted suicide before a patient is admitted.

? Facilities must also post these policies publicly — in their offices and online.

? This will make it far easier for patients — especially those who are vulnerable — to be steered toward death, rather than care.

3. Shortens the Existing 15-Day Waiting Period

? Reduces the waiting period to just 7 days — and in cases of "imminent death," allows lethal drugs to be administered within 48 hours.

? This undermines critical time for evaluation and discernment, especially for patients facing mental health challenges, grief, or treatable conditions.